

REMARKS

To put this Application into condition for allowance: Claims 40-41, 43, 48, 55, 60, 64, 65, 71, and 74-76 have been canceled herein without prejudice; and Claims 38, 39, 42, 57, 63, 66, and 69 have been amended herein. Claims 1-6, 36-39, 42, 44-47, 49-54, 56-59, 61-63, 66-70, 72-73, and 77 are now pending in the Application. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Action, claims 1-6, 36, 37, 43-48, 55, 60, 65, 66, 68, 71-73 and 77 were allowed. However, many of these claims depend from a rejected claim. Therefore to put this case into condition for allowance, the allowed subject matter from the allowed dependent claims has been added to the corresponding rejected base independent claim as follows:

Claim 38 has been amended to include the subject matter from allowed claim 48.

Claim 39 has been amended to include the subject matter from allowed claim 55.

Claim 42 has been amended to include the subject matter from allowed claim 43.

Claim 57 has been amended to include the subject matter from allowed claim 60.

Claim 63 has been amended to include the subject matter from claim 64 and allowed claim 65.

Claim 69 has been amended to include the subject matter from allowed claim 71.

Also to avoid reciting duplicate features, allowed dependent claims 43, 48, 55, 60, 64, 65, and 71 have been canceled. In addition claim 66 was amended to depend from claim 63. Also claim 72 was amended to depend from claim 69.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the independent claims now correspond to those claims that were allowed in the Action with no change in patentable scope. The Application is now in condition for allowance.

Interview Summary

The above claim amendments were proposed for discussion purposes to the Examiner by fax on November 21, 2005. On December 20, 2005, the Examiner indicated by phone to Applicants' representative (Christopher L. Parmelee, Reg. No. 42,980) that she had reviewed the amendments, but would not be able to do the requested Examiner's Amendment by Applicant's three month deadline to respond to the Final Office Action. Therefore, to ensure these amendments are of record, Applicants have submitted these amendments with the present Response.

The Pending Claims Are Not Obvious in View of the Applied Art

Claims 38-42, 49-54, 56-59, 61-64, 67, 69, 70 and 74-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,845,283, ("Williams") in view of Danielson, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,239,662, ("Danielson"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that these rejected claims recite features, relationships, and steps which patentably distinguish over the prior art. However, to put this Application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended claim 38, 39, 43, 57, 63, 66, 69 and 72 as described previously and have canceled claims 40-41, 43, 48, 55, 60, 64, 65, 71, and 74-76

without prejudice. Neither the amendment or cancellation of these claims shall constitute an admission that the original forms of these claims are unpatentable. Applicant reserves the right to file Divisional applications including the original forms of these amended or canceled claims.

Additional Claim Fees

No fee should be due with the amendments to the claims in this Response. However, if any fees are due associated with the prosecution of this Application, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0428 of Diebold Self-Service Systems.

Conclusion

Allowance of claims 1-6, 36, 37, 43-48, 55, 60, 65, 66, 68, 71-73 and 77 is greatly appreciated. As some of the allowed claims depended from rejected claims, to place this Application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended claim 38, 39, 43, 57, 63, 66, 69 and 72 as described previously and have canceled claims 40-41, 43, 48, 55, 60, 64, 65, 71, and 74-76 without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the remaining independent claims now correspond to those claims that were allowed in the Action. Allowance of the Application is respectfully requested. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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